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Welcome Screen

Hey, Boomers!
Don't lose your heads! Over the next six issues STC, in association with Electronic Arts, is hosting the ultimate in sporting action, the ultimate sporting event! Yes, **Mutant League** is here! Fans of the popular **ML** video game will find all their favourite characters in action, together with a few surprise guests. To fully enjoy the strip, select Sequential Art Mode from your options screen then Play Ball!

Also in this issue, **Tails** completes his rescue mission in the Nameless Zone - but despair not! Your favourite fox will star in another searing solo adventure soon!

Let's not forget the real star of STC, **Sonic** himself! Next issue sees the return of **Sonic's World**, in which we divulge further secrets of the planet Mobius. Your reaction to the first series in STC's 25-27 was incredible, so Boomers prepare to be suitably impressed once again.

Talking of popular, headstrong characters, who could forget Chuck D. Head of **Decap Attack** fame? Well, the word is that Chuck wants back in STC. Can't say I blame him! Maybe I'll toss a coin and if it's heads — he's in. Find out the result in STC 32, next issue!

Megadroid

Virtua Racing Steals The Show!

Cat from Mutant Apart gets to grips with Virtua Racing.

The merry month of May saw three **Sega/Capital Radio Roadshows** broadcast live from various South East England locations.

Poptastic performers over the three events included Chart toppers **Bad Boys Inc., Tony Di Bart, D:Ream, East 17, EYC, Dannii Minogue** and **Roachford**. However, the real stars had to be **Virtua Racing** which drove everybody wild, and those funky double decker buses (see Sega Bus Tour Dates below). For the full low-down on the Roadshows turn to the page which follows the **Tails** strip.

Sonic keeps a watchful eye on members of Badboys & D:Ream + Peter Cannon

SEGA BUS TOUR DATES

Hop on board one of the two Sega mobile computer game buses as they continue their tour (ten them STC sent you). It is advisable to check the following venues in advance in the event of last minute changes (also check local press for additional dates). The Buses are also scheduled to visit selected Haven and Pontins holiday camps during the summer.

TOUR DATES:

23 July
International Air Tattoo.

24 July
Fairford Glos.
Royal Lance Show.

26 & 27 July
New Forest
Hampshire Show.

27 July
Nantwich & South
Cheshire Show.

30 & 31 July
St Helen's Show,
Worthing Festival.

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2. VIRTUA RACING
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5. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3
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7. SENSIBLE SOCCER
8. NBA JAM
9. ROAD RASH 2
10. ROBOCOP V TERMINATOR

MEGA-CD

1. MORTAL KOMBAT
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3. GROUND ZERO TEXAS
4. THUNDERHAWK
5. WONDER DOG
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7. SHERLOCK HOLMES
8. MICROCOSM
9. PRINCE OF PERSIA
10. NIGHT TRAP

MASTER SYSTEM

1. JUNGLE BOOK
2. WORLD CUP USA '94
3. MICRO MACHINES
4. MICKEY MOUSE
5. THE SIMPSONS
6. THE NINJA
7. SONIC CHAOS
8. TRIVIAL PURSUIT
9. SHINOBI
10. MORTAL KOMBAT

GAME GEAR

1. JUNGLE BOOK
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3. WORLD CUP USA '94
4. DESERT STRIKE
5. ALADDIN
6. F1
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8. NBA JAM
9. PGA TOUR GOLF
10. SUPER OFF ROAD

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Pretender

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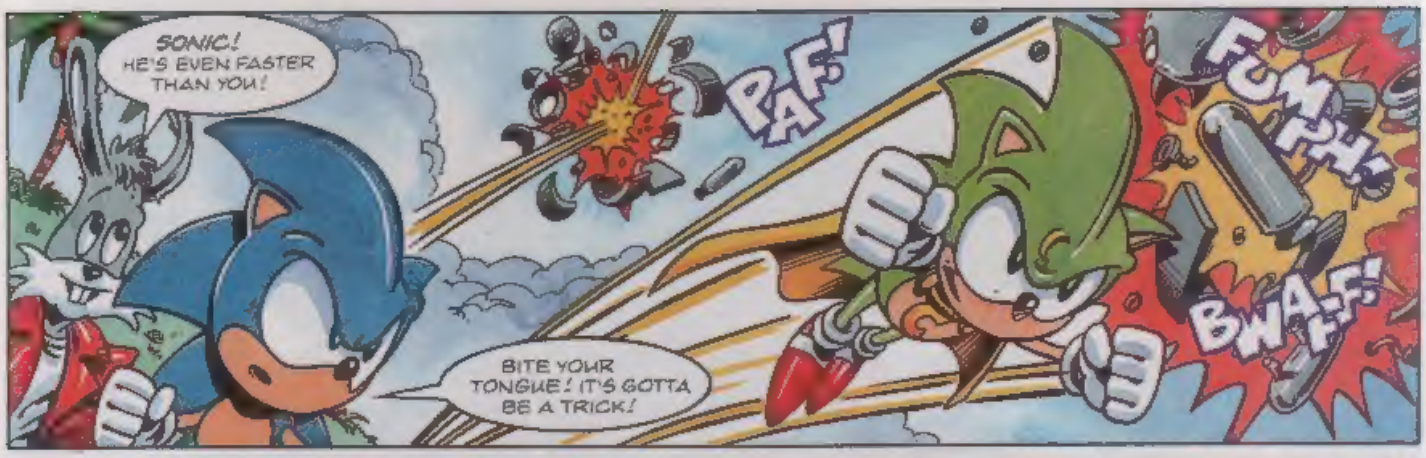
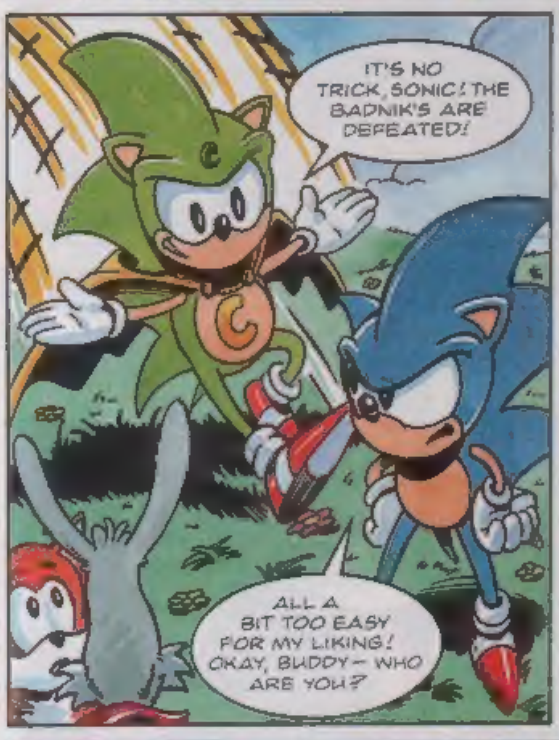
Art: Mike Hadley
Lettering: Ellie de'Ville

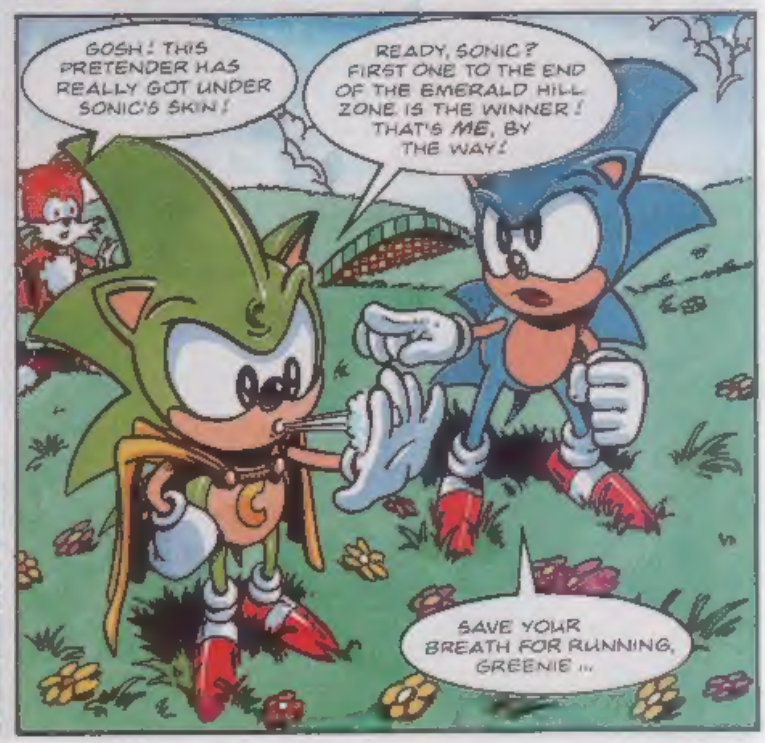

SONIC! HE'S EVEN FASTER THAN YOU!
PAF!
FUMPH!
BWAF!
BITE YOUR TONGUE! IT'S GOTTA BE A TRICK!


IT'S NO TRICK, SONIC! THE BADNIK'S ARE DEFEATED!
ALL A BIT TOO EASY FOR MY LIKING! OKAY, BUDDY – WHO ARE YOU?

I'M COSMIC THE HEDGEHOG – FASTEST SPIKY THING ALIVE! I'D HEARD ABOUT YOUR LITTLE EFFORTS AGAINST DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, SO I THOUGHT I'D SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE!

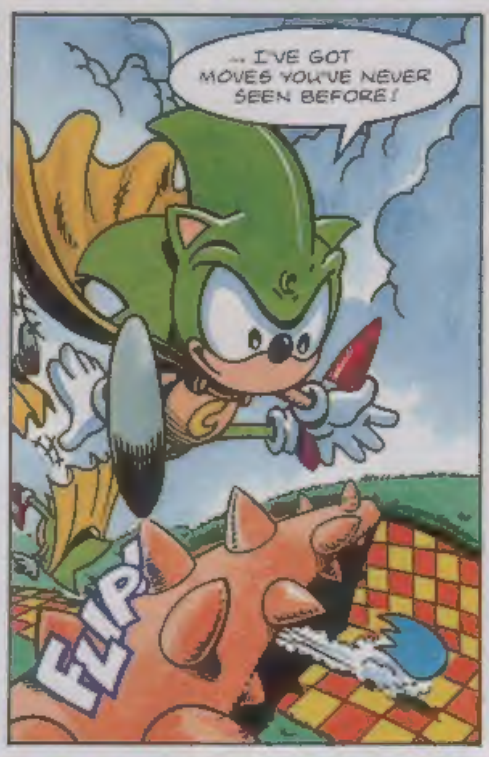
I'M DOING FINE AGAINST ROBOTNIK! I DON'T NEED ANY HELP FROM A PRETENDER LIKE YOU!
ME, A PRETENDER? I COULD BEAT YOU IN A RACE!
OKAY, GREENIE – YOU'RE ON!

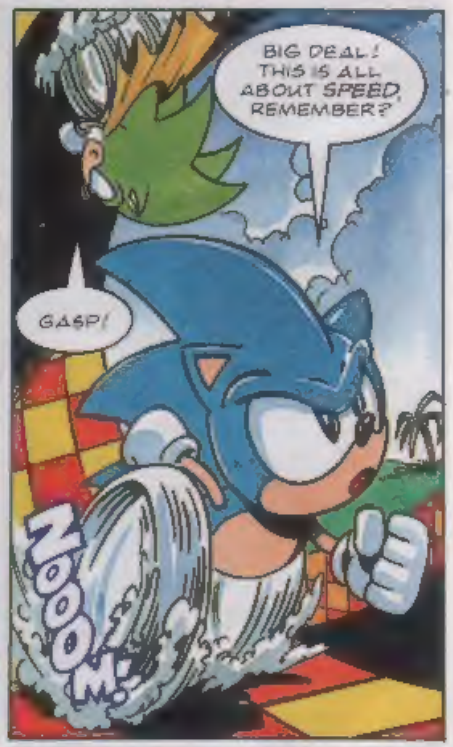
HOLD ON, SONIC! YOU COULD BE RUSHING INTO A DEADLY TRAP!
WELL, IF I NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN, TAILS, THIS IS HOW I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU...
...AS A LITTLE TWO-TAILED DIMWIT WHO'S ALWAYS WHINGING!


GOSH! THIS PRETENDER HAS REALLY GOT UNDER SONIC'S SKIN!
READY, SONIC? FIRST ONE TO THE END OF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE IS THE WINNER! THAT'S ME, BY THE WAY!
SAVE YOUR BREATH FOR RUNNING, GREENIE...

... YOU'LL NEED IT!
OH YEAH?
WHOOOSHHH!

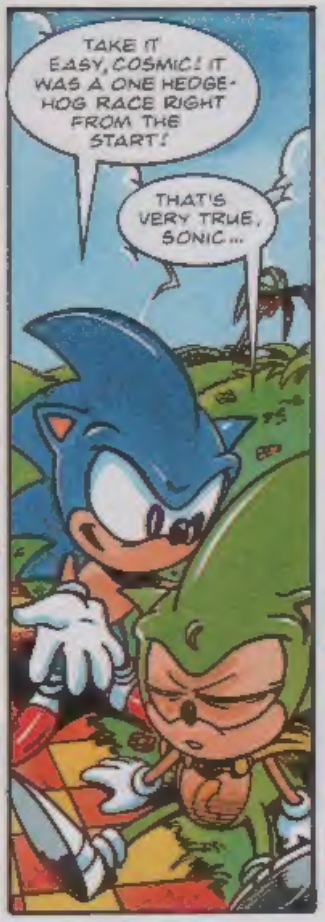
REMEMBER, I'M USED TO THIS, PAL!
DON'T GET COCKY, SONIC...


... I'VE GOT MOVES YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
FLIP!

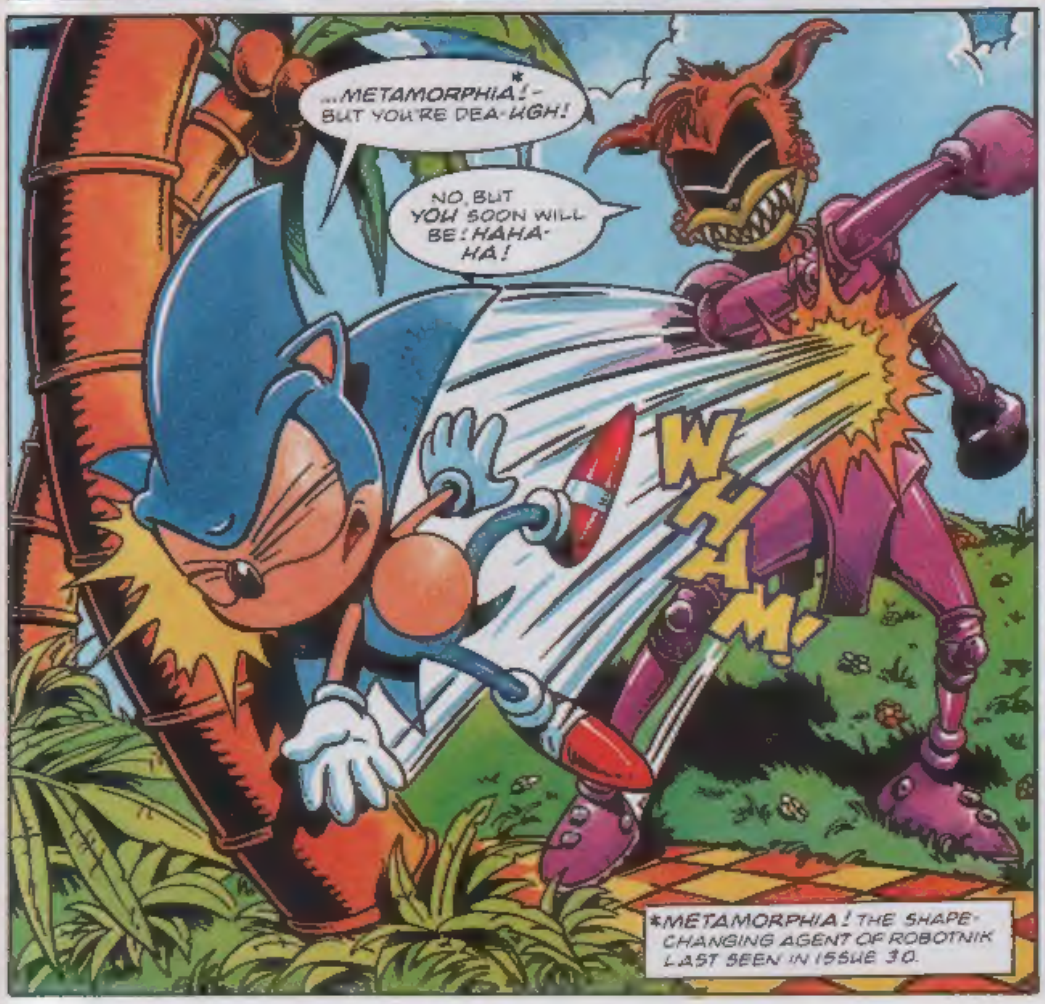

BIG DEAL! THIS IS ALL ABOUT SPEED, REMEMBER?
GASP!
WOOOM!

SOMETHING TELLS ME THE WINNER'S GONNA BE WEARING BLUE!
WOO! I FEEL DIZZY AFTER THAT!

I WIN! - AS IF I EVER DOUBTED I WOULD!
I THINK COSMIC OVERDID IT THOUGH!


TAKE IT EASY, COSMIC! IT WAS A ONE HEDGE-HOG RACE RIGHT FROM THE START!
THAT'S VERY TRUE, SONIC...

...I'M NOT A HEDGEHOG AT ALL!
YOU'RE CHANGING! YOU! YOU'RE...

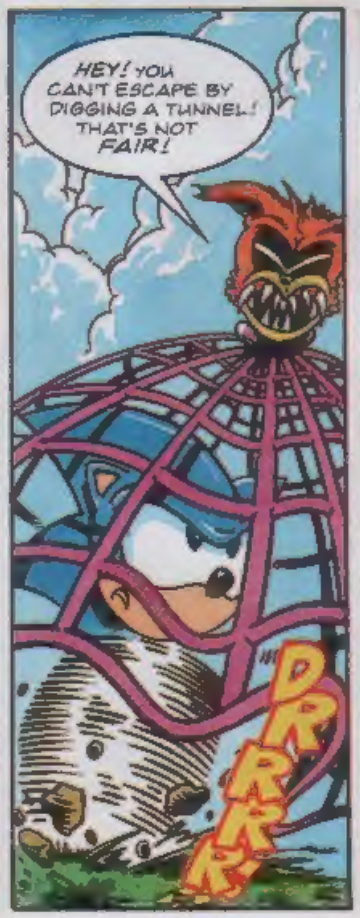

...METAMORPHIA!* - BUT YOU'RE DEA-UGH!
NO, BUT YOU SOON WILL BE! HAHA-HA!
WHAM!
*METAMORPHIA! THE SHAPE-CHANGING AGENT OF ROBOTNIK LAST SEEN IN ISSUE 30.

THE PERFECT PLAN! LURE YOU AWAY FROM YOUR FRIENDS AND DESTROY YOU, WHILE AN ARMY OF BADNIKS EXTERMINATES YOUR FRIENDS! HAHAHA!

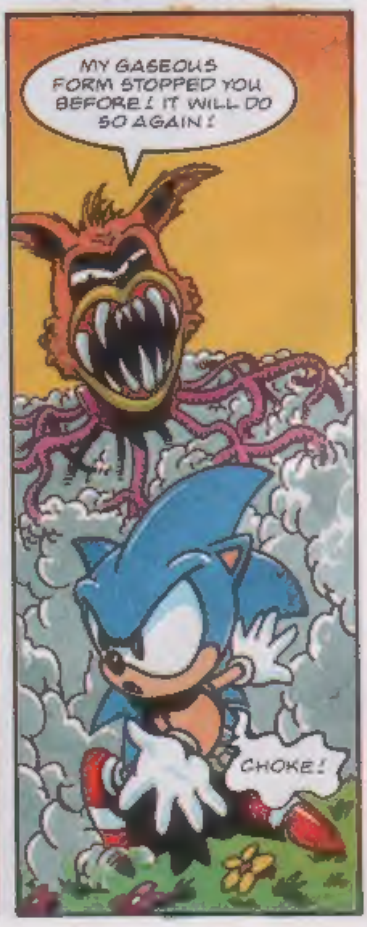
SO THE WHOLE HEROIC DEED WITH YOU DEFEATING THOSE BADNIKS AS "COSMIC" WAS A SET-UP!
OF COURSE! EVEN NOW AN EVEN DEADLIER ARMY OF BADNIKS IS ABOUT TO INVADE YOUR CHERISHED VILLAGE!
SWISH-THUMP!

GOTTA GET BACK THERE AND HELP THEM!
NOT SO FAST, HEDGEHOG...
NOOM!

... YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BREAK FREE OF THIS CABLE NET FORM IN TIME! HAHAHA!
HA! LIKE I'D WASTE TIME TRYING!

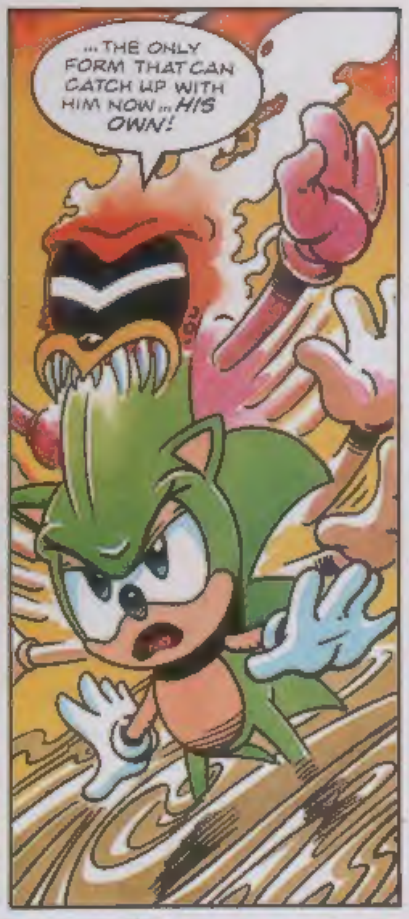

HEY! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE BY DIGGING A TUNNEL! THAT'S NOT FAIR!
DRRRR

SO SEND FOR YOUR LAWYERS! I'VE GOTTA FLY!
NO!


MY GASEOUS FORM STOPPED YOU BEFORE! IT WILL DO SO AGAIN!
CHOKE!

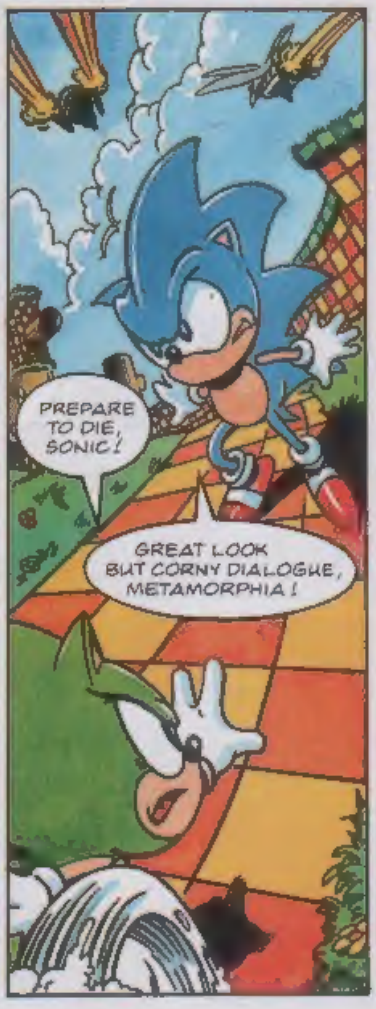
WHIZZZ!
GET REAL, METAMORPHIA! I LEARN FROM MY EXPERIENCES! THAT'S WHY I'M SO BRILLIANT!
AAGH! BREAKING UP!

I HAVE TO STOP HIM FROM SAVING HIS FRIENDS! I HAVE TO ASSUME A NEW FORM...


...THE ONLY FORM THAT CAN CATCH UP WITH HIM NOW... HIS OWN!

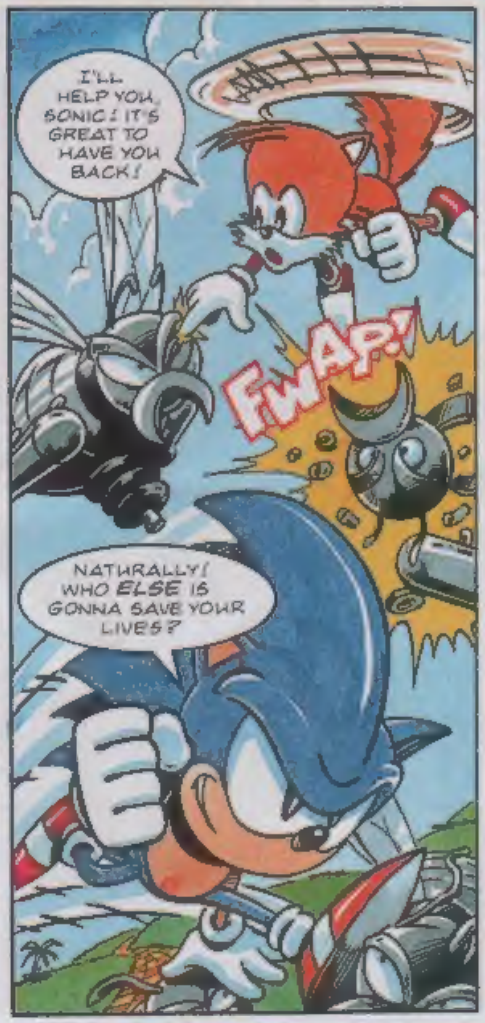
NOTHING CAN STOP ME THIS TIME, SONIC!
FWHOOOSHH'

JUST IN TIME! BADNIK'S AT TWELVE O'CLOCK!
ZAP!
FWUMP!
ZIP!

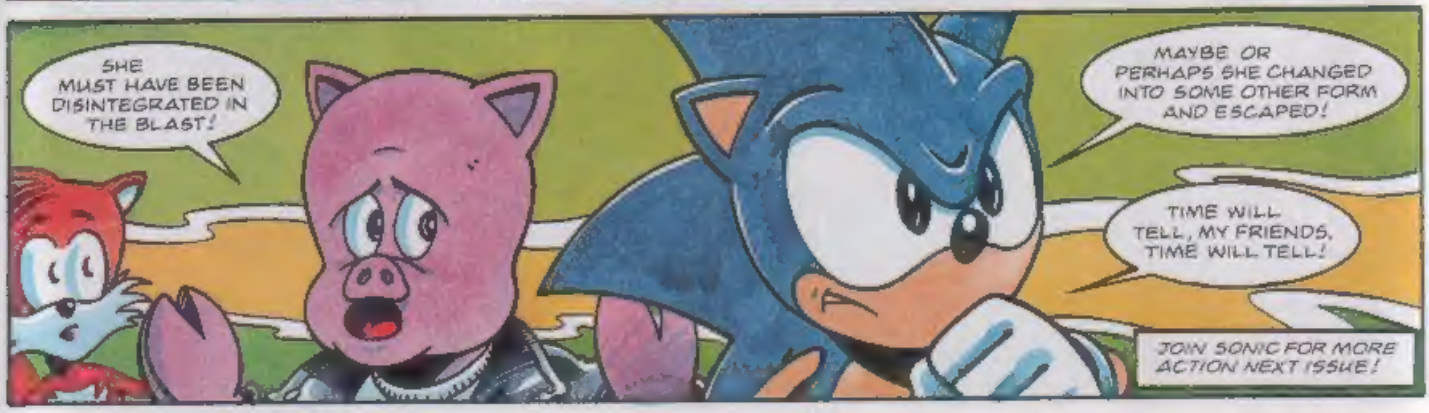

PREPARE TO DIE, SONIC!
GREAT LOOK BUT CORNY DIALOGUE, METAMORPHIA!

ROBOTNIK'S ORDERS: DESTROY SONIC!
ZZAPP!
BIG MISTAKE, BADNIKS...
NO! I'M NOT SONIC! I'M METAAGGHH!

WHUMP!
FWAP!
...YOU DON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE!


I'LL HELP YOU, SONIC! IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU BACK!
FWAP!
NATURALLY! WHO ELSE IS GONNA SAVE YOUR LIVES?

ABOUT THAT "COSMIC" CHARACTER... I DON'T LIKE TO SAY "I TOLD YOU SO" BUT—
FINE, THEN DON'T!
NO SIGN OF METAMORPHIA, SONIC!


SHE MUST HAVE BEEN DISINTEGRATED IN THE BLAST!
MAYBE OR PERHAPS SHE CHANGED INTO SOME OTHER FORM AND ESCAPED!
TIME WILL TELL, MY FRIENDS. TIME WILL TELL!
JOIN SONIC FOR MORE ACTION NEXT ISSUE!

REVIEW Zone

Enter the zone that brings you reviews of all the new releases for the Sega game systems. Reviewer this issue: *David Gibbon.*

MUTANT LEAGUE HOCKEY

game type: SPORTS SIMULATION (BASED ON NHL HOCKEY '94)

1-4 PLAYERS

MD

MD Mega Drive · MCD Mega CD · MS Master System · GG Game Gear

STC Rating System

under 40% - Yawnsville
40 - 70% - Normalsville
70 - 80% - Fun City
80 - 90% - Big Time City
over 90% - Mega City!

NHL Hockey '94 from Electronic Arts is a highly popular simulation of the fast moving ice game, and is deemed the best of its type. However, if you find there's not enough excitement in an ordinary hockey match, then **Mutant League Hockey** could be for you. EA have basically taken their *NHL* game, turned all the players into horrible looking mutants and added lots of violence, excitement and humour. Fans of the sport may not like the way EA have transformed this hockey game, but the idea is about having lots of fun.

Mutant League Hockey allows you to select a four-stage tournament or a one-off match, played on one of five levels of aggression. Right from the start your aim is to play dirty, as fair play gets you nowhere! Each player is equipped with various weapons to attack the opposition. When fighting occurs a one-to-one 'beat-em-up' screen appears showing a close-up of the action. Each team also has a set of special moves they can perform, ranging from bribing the referee to implementing an exploding puck to dispose of an opposing player.

The ice rinks also provides a certain amount of danger; some have flames shooting out of the ice, whilst others are riddled with holes.

Apart from all the mayhem there's still a hockey game within **Mutant League** and these additions to the gameplay make it that much more exciting. If you liked what the Bitmap Brothers did with *Speedball 2*, then you're certain to like this fast moving and exciting hockey game. - DG.

FAST FAX

PUBLISHER: ELECTRONIC ARTS
PRICE: £44.99

GRAPHICS 84
SOUND 82
PLAYABILITY 88

RAVES: An exciting variation of an ice hockey match.

GRAVES: Not worth buying if you already have *NHL Hockey '94*.

OVERALL 86%

SENSIBLE SOCCER CD

game type: SPORT SIMULATION

1-2 PLAYERS

MCD

Everyone knows that the Mega Drive version of Sensible Soccer has been constantly overshadowed by the brilliant graphics of *FIFA Soccer*. However, **Sensible Soccer CD** is quite frankly *the* most playable footie game. The graphics and ability of the players to manoeuvre allows for thrilling goals to be created; you can blast the ball from the half-way line with enough curve to bend it past the goalie. Scoring like this adds great reality value to the game and at times you almost feel compelled to jump up and shout, "G-o-a-l!"

So, what's so different about the CD version compared to the cart? Well, let me start by saying the actual gameplay remains the same. However, the [illegible] improvements, as expected, are all cosmetic with the addition of CD film sequences.

[illegible] includes a very snazzy [illegible] sequence which shows a texture-mapped football pitch swirling around the screen. You also get a helicopter tour [illegible] Wembley Stadium for the Bowl Arena in the US [illegible] national matches before playing each match which all looks very impressive.

Sony have truly gone to town with the sound effects and music on the **Sensible Soccer CD**. Various dance tracks play during the menu screens, but what's really appealing are the new crowd effects, which were recorded at a live match and no doubt altered like crazy! The "One [illegible], one-nil" chees and "Ooochs" are all here! Another bonus for Mega-CD owners is that it's £5 less than the cart (record companies take note.) So if you don't own the cart but do possess a Mega-CD go forth to your local games store and play the ultimate football action. DG

PETE SAMPRAS TENNIS

game type: SPORTS SIMULATION
1-4 PLAYERS

Pete Sampras served over 1,000 aces and won Wimbledon and the US Open in 93. He finished the best season as number one in the world and earned a record $6 million dollars as a record for any single season. He may be one of the world's best players, but is **Pete Sampras Tennis** any good? Well, for a start, the game cartridge features two extra built-in joypad ports. Called the J-Cart, it allows up to four people to compete at the same time (providing you have four joypads). Previously simultaneous four player games from companies such as EA required you to buy a 4 player adaptor, but with this you're getting an adaptor completely free.

The initial menu gives you a choice of playing a Challenge, single match, a Tournament or a World Tour. A Tutorial option gives you the chance to familiarise yourself with the controls before playing.

According to the manual there are two mystery options included but they remain a mystery as I haven't discovered them yet. On selecting the Challenge you are asked to choose which players you want. There are 20 female and male players in total, each one showing not only their ranking position but also whether they are left or right handed. However Pete Sampras is the only really recognisable player in the game.

Once play is under way you hear the superb speech and the ebb and flow of the whole thing. For example if you're near the end of a match and the crowd starts shouting the umpire will say "Quiet please. Thank you." The game plays extremely well and using the various different shots you can gain great control and placement of the ball.

The graphics and animation of the players is excellent with over 1,000 frames of animation you can perform dives, lobs and many other impressive moves. **Pete Sampras Tennis** is the best tennis simulation I have played on the Mega Drive. Get your friends round and enjoy a thrilling game of tennis. DG

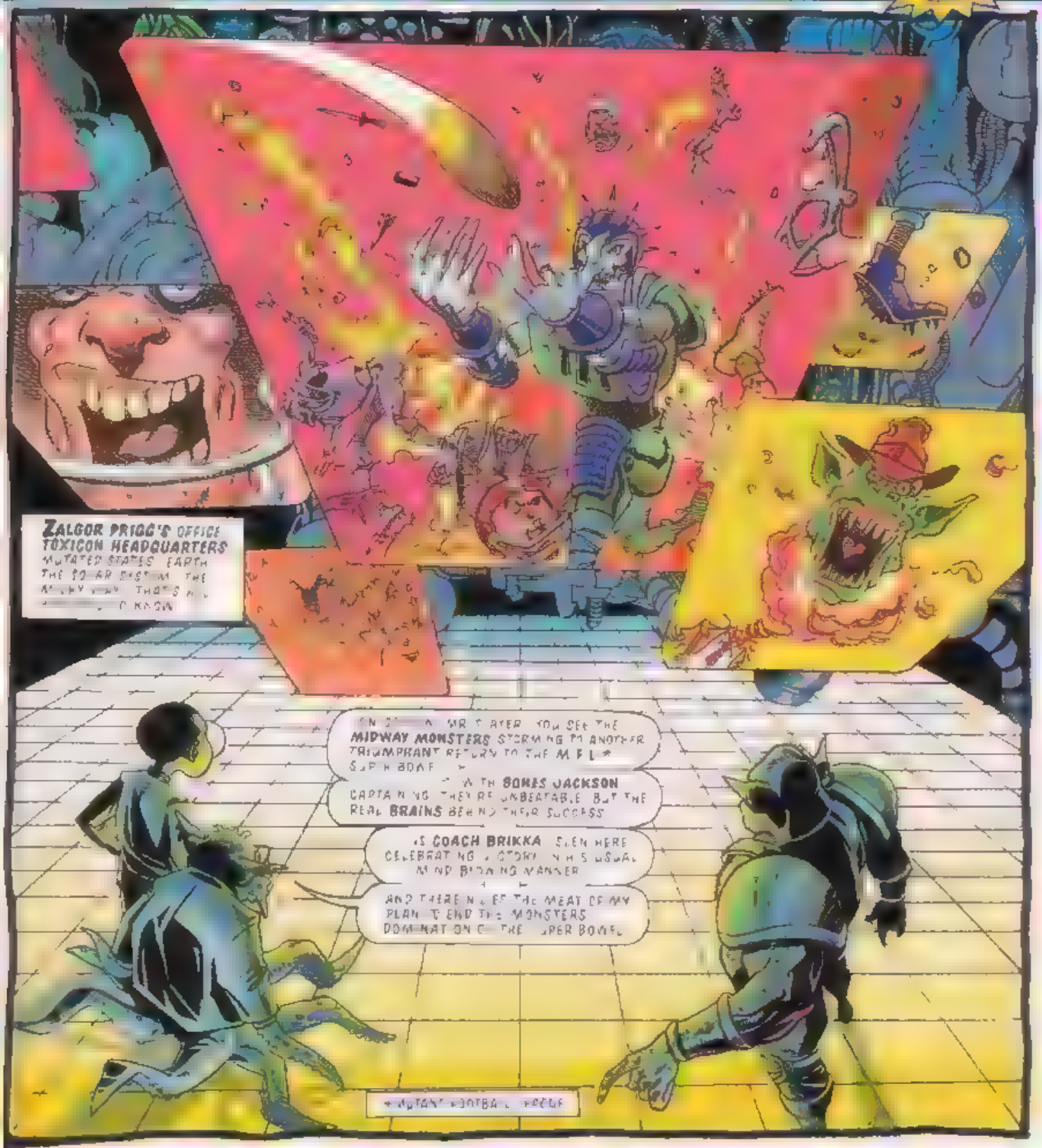
Mutant League

Bring Me The Head of Coach Brikka

PART 1

SCRIPT: Steve White / Brian Williamson
ART: Anthony Williams
Brian Williamson
Steve White
LETTERING: Tom Frame

NEW SERIES



YEAH
BRING ME THE HEAD OF COACH BRIKKA IN RETURN WILL GIVE YOU YOUR HEART'S DESIRE
SHALL WE SAY BRENDA BRIKKA LUSCIOUS DAUGHTER OF COACH BRIKKA?
ONCE IN POSSESSION OF THE HEAD CONVEY IT HERE TO TOXICON HQ BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY
NATURALLY, THE MIDWAY MONSTERS WILL TRY TO RECOVER THE HEAD, BUT I KNOW YOU AND YOUR SLAYCITY SLAYERS ARE, ER, EMINENTLY QUALIFIED TO STOP THEM
IS A CONGA MR PRIGG BUT WHAT'S WITH THE HEAD?
DOCTOR WIZZ WILL KINDLY EXPLAIN!
WITH THE AID OF MY CEREBRO-SYNAPTIC SHUNT PSYCHODRAIN™, WE WILL EXTRACT COACH BRIKKA'S UNIQUE TACTICAL SKILLS THESE WILL BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE TEAM OF MOBILE, COMBAT CHASSIS BATTLEBRODS* YOU SEE BEHIND ME
*ROBOTS
THEY WILL PROCEED TO WIN EVERY MFL GAME IN SIGHT AND THEN WE CAN RULE THE WORLD! BWAAHAAHAA!**
**C'MON, IT'S ONLY A GAME

BOB!
THANKS CHUCK! CONFIRMED KILLS SO FAR: FOUR MISSING IN ACTION AND ONE CHOPPED FINGERNAIL. ARTILLERY ROUNDS EXPENDED: 7,800
PHWEEP!
BANG!
OH MY WORD! IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE DUKES OF BIOHAZARD, WELL-KNOWN SCURVY LAPDOGS OF MR. CHARMAN ZALGOR PRIGG AND DINNERS OF THE VERY FAST FOOD OF A SLICE OF PUKE, BUT GENEROUSLY DONATING AS
MAYBE IT'S TO CALM HIS NERVES, BOB?
BLING-DANGED PANTY-HOSE HANDBAG, TIPPY-TOED, WET-LOOK TUTU-WEARING, QUICHE-EATING MUMMY'S BOYS
ARRGGGHH! HOT! HOT! HOT!

OH REMARKABLE IT WOULD SEEM THE SLICE OF CAKE WAS DOCTORED BY THE YUKKS HE'S MADE THE CATCH AND WHAT A CATCH NOW WHAT HAPPENS
MONSTERS FOLLOW THAT
YO MAMA
MONSTERS

THAT
OKAY, MIDWAY MONSTERS YOU WANT YOUR HEAD BACK. YOU GO THROUGH US FIRST!
YAHAHAHA!

CODEMASTERS & ELECTRONIC ARTS IN COURT BATTLE!

Tennis Sims vie for supremacy on the Mega Drive

One of this summer's most eagerly awaited releases on the Mega Drive is **Pete Sampras Tennis** from Codemasters, the same company that brought you Micro Machines. This impressive new tennis game, featuring champion player Pete Sampras, was unveiled at the recent European Computer Trade Show and served up a smash to anyone who dared take on the champ himself.

Among the first to accept the challenge were pop groups E.Y.C., who were taking time out to promote their latest album and single, and Jesus Jones.

E.Y.C. band member Trey Parker said: "This is a mean game! I'm no good at actually playing tennis, but I can be a World Champion with this and I love the way you can make the players dive for the shots."

Ian Baker, from Jesus Jones, also enjoyed the game commenting: "It's so easy to get into - it's great! I just picked up the control pad and immediately knew my way around the court. It's one of the most playable games I've played for a long time".

Pete Sampras Tennis, featuring the revolutionary J-Cart which allows up to four people to play simultaneously, is on sale now. However, it looks as though a fierce court battle could develop between Codemasters and Electronic Arts, who have announced **Sports Tennis** is working title for the Mega Drive.

Featuring singles and doubles matches over 16 tournaments and four surfaces, **Sports Tennis** boasts a high level of detail including chalk dust, squeaky trainers heard on the indoor court, and even arguing with the umpire. The players are Rotoscoped, which means their movements are drawn from film of real people performing. EA claim that **Sports Tennis** is simple enough for anyone to pick up and play, but flexible enough to provide a long term challenge. Predictably, **Sports Tennis** will be compatible with EA's 4 Way Play adapter for simultaneous four player fun.

Anyone for Jesus Jones? [illegible]

"So game, set and first set to Codemasters, but with Electronic Arts [illegible] back to win the match with Sports Tennis"

Turn to this issue's Review Zone for STC's low-down on **Pete Sampras Tennis** on the Mega Drive.

ONE IN A MILLION

Sega Europe's latest announcement is that AB Electronics in South Wales are to produce the millionth Sega game cartridge.

Since 1993 over 30 titles have been produced in Wales for sale in the UK and Europe, including top selling game titles such as **Aladdin** and **Sonic 3**. In addition, AB Electronics exclusively produce all of Sega's Mega Drive games for European sales with plans under way to extend production to Game Gear games by September.

Frank Herman, Managing Director of Sega Europe remarked: "Our policy is to improve our service to the customer by producing games in Europe to eliminate the expense and delay of shipping to Japan. We also reduce our exposure to currency fluctuations while continuing to produce games to a high standard with short lead times. The millionth games to be produced in Wales shows how this policy has already proved successful with video cartridge games. We look forward to increasing our European manufacturing for CD and cartridge games in the future."

To the overleaf [illegible] News [illegible]

ROCKIN' GOOD NEWS

The world's first stone-age speedway simulation

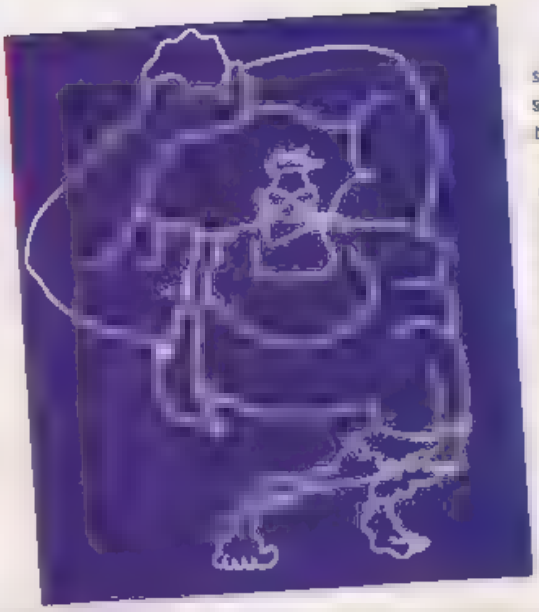
In an attempt to inject new life into an old idea, Core Design has taken the motorcycle racing simulation back into the prehistoric age. The result is **BC Racers** (formerly *Chuck Rally*) for the Mega-CD and the Mega Drive 32X (when it's released).

Millionaire playboy caveman Millstone Rockafella has organised a competition to win the ultimate Boulderdash Bike. The race takes place over eight stages, with four levels of difficulty and a selection of characters, including husky hero Cliff Ranger and Roxy (his girlfriend), Axle Roads and Wally Mammoth, Brick Jagger, Gary Gritta and, of course, Chuck Rock and his son.

The competitors ride in pairs on dinosaur-driven motorcycles called Dirtybikes, with sidecars to control, food and dotted around the tracks are obstacles such as rocks, lava pools and sleeping dinosaurs. Power-ups such as Dino Food give the bikes flying engines.

With the Mega-CD version of **BC Racers**, two players can ride the same Dirtybike, one player handling the bike itself, the other controlling the sidecar; on the Mega Drive 32X there is also a split screen so two players can race against each other.

BC Racers will be released for the Mega-CD in October and for the Mega Drive 32X in February 1995.



SHORT SHOTS

That Taz-Mania devil – set to return in September.

GONE LOONEY TOONS

Four of our favourite Warner Brothers cartoon characters will be appearing on the Sega systems before the end of this year.

The Tasmanian devil strikes again in a sequel to **Taz-Mania** entitled **Taz in Escape from Mars**. Also starring is *Marvin Martian*

[illegible]

Mega Drive and Game Gear in September.

That fowl fowl duck Daffy [illegible] will be making his [illegible] September, and the (many-many) Road Runner [illegible] Mega Drive for the first time sometime before Christmas. [illegible] should note that he's already been the subject of a game [illegible] mention), the sixteen-bit title [illegible] get the bird through foul moves or fowler [illegible]

A [illegible]

Sega's new Mega Drive [illegible] simulation, [illegible]

Fast World Cup fever with World Championship Soccer II on the Mega Drive.

[illegible] that it will be released at the bargain price of £29.99.

[illegible]

Also this month, Game Gear owners can find out what all the fuss was [illegible] in September.

[illegible]

Mega Drive

[illegible]

Tails

The Forbidden Hunt Part 2

Script: Mark Eyles
Art: Cameron/John M. Burns
Lettering: Elitia Fel

TAILS IS IN THE NAMELESS ZONE WHERE HE'S BEING HUNTED BY THE GOBLIN QUEEN IN CASTLE MORBIDDEN.

NOW I HAVE YOU!

PRINCE CATALUS SAID WE WERE JUST GOING TO PLAY HIDE AND SEEK

I THINK QUEEN VULPECULA PLAYS BY DIFFERENT RULES, I MAY

I WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS IF I HADN'T WRITTEN THOSE LETTERS HOME SAYING I WAS A BRAVE HERO

IF ONLY SONIC WERE HERE

WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE HIDING PLACE PRINCE CATALUS TOLD US ABOUT HE'LL HELP US

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT JILLY, I THINK IT'S NEAR HERE

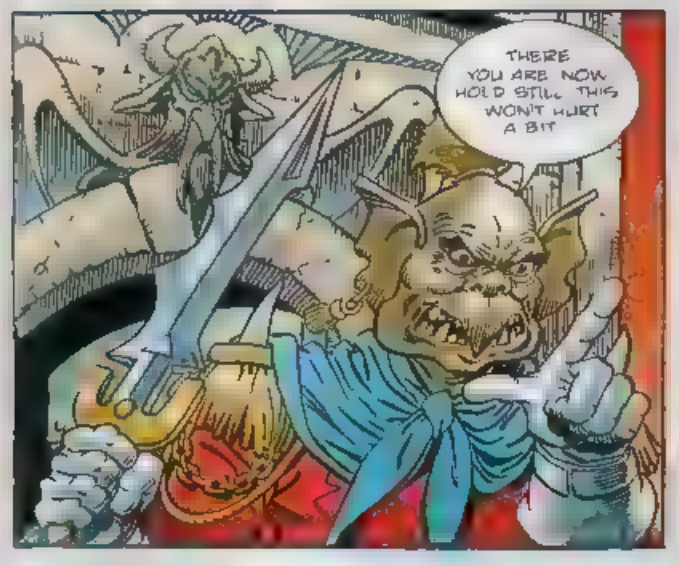
HERE IS THROUGH HERE QUICK BEFORE QUEEN VULPECULA FINDS US AGAIN

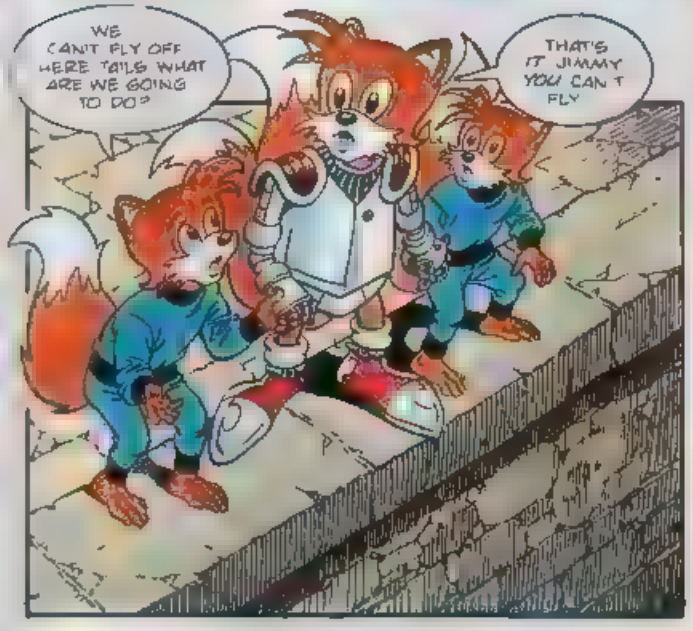
UGH COBWEBS EVERY-WHERE
SO, YOU STUPID FOXES FINALLY MADE IT HERE NOW TO SPOIL MY SISTER'S FUN JUST BECAUSE SHE'S THE QUEEN SHE THINKS SHE CAN ORDER ME ABOUT
WELL, I'VE CARRIED OUT HER ORDERS AND BROUGHT SOME FOXES TO CASTLE MORBIDDEN NOW LET'S SEE HOW SHE ENJOYS A HUNT WITHOUT ANY FOXES!
YIKES!
CHUNK!
RATTED SWORD COME BACK HERE, YOU THREE
REN

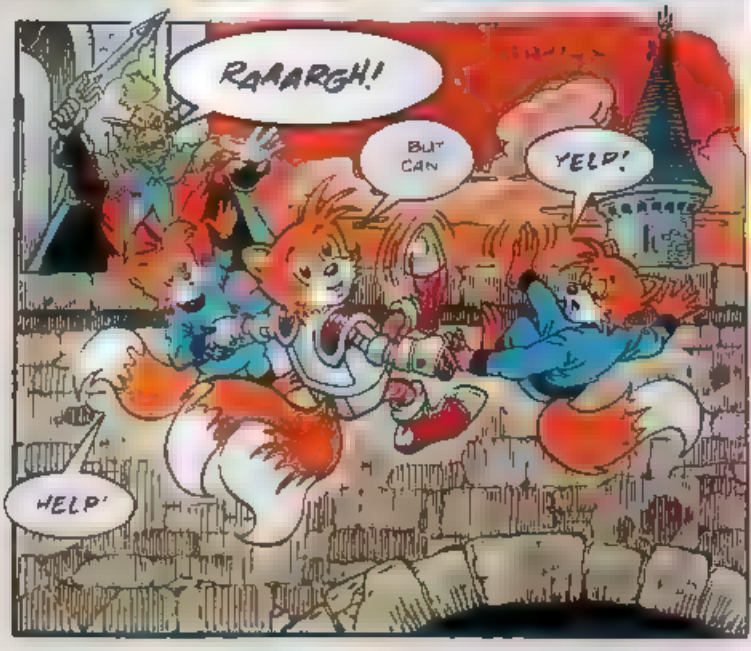
HE TRICKED US!
HE IS A GOBLIN ULLY

I SAID COME BACK YOU BEASTLY FOXES

OH GOLLY NOW WE'RE TRAPPED WHAT WOULD SONIC DO?
PRINCE CATALUS IS COMING I CAN HEAR HIM


THERE YOU ARE NOW HOLD STILL THIS WON'T HURT A BIT


WE CAN'T FLY OFF HERE TAILS WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
THAT'S IT JIMMY YOU CAN'T FLY


RAAARGH!
BUT CAN
YELP!
HELP!

YOU'RE NOT PLAYING FAIR

THESE CUBS ARE HEAVY. GOT TO FIND SOMEWHERE SAFE TO LAND QUICK

TAKE US TO THE FLYING BOAT TAILS

THERE THEY ARE! YAHOOOOO!

HURRY UP AND LAST OFF

BRING THE FOXES BACK! I'M THE QUEEN AND I WANT THEM BACK RIGHT NOW SO I CAN HUNT THEM!

BUT THE GOBLIN FLYING BOAT CARRIES TAILS AND THE CUBS SWIFTLY BACK TO THEIR VILLAGE

WHAT A HERO! WE KNEW YOU WOULDN'T FAIL US. NOW YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR DUTIES ON MOBIUS FIGHTING THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WITH YOUR BUMBLING SIDEKICK SONIC THE HEDGECUTTER

MY BABIES! TAILS HAS RESCUED MY BABIES!

WE'RE NOT BABIES

SHAMAN WARPULL OPENS A PORTAL LEAVING MOBIUS AND THE NAMELESS ZONE

THANK GOODNESS THAT'S OVER. I'M EXHAUSTED

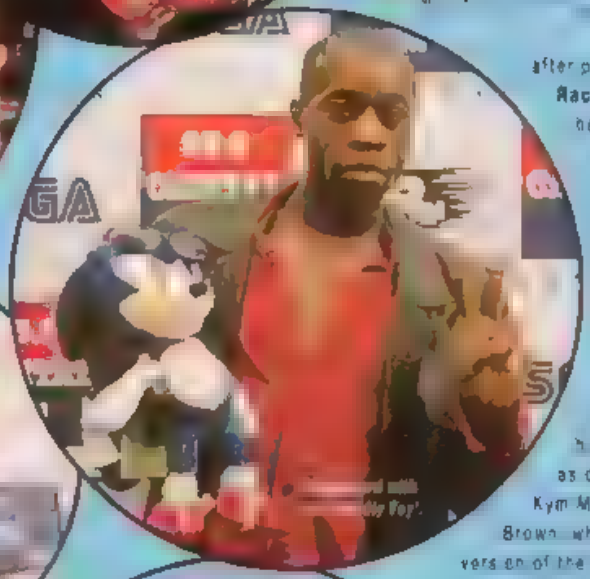
TAILS! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. WHERE VE YOU BEEN?

I'VE BEEN.

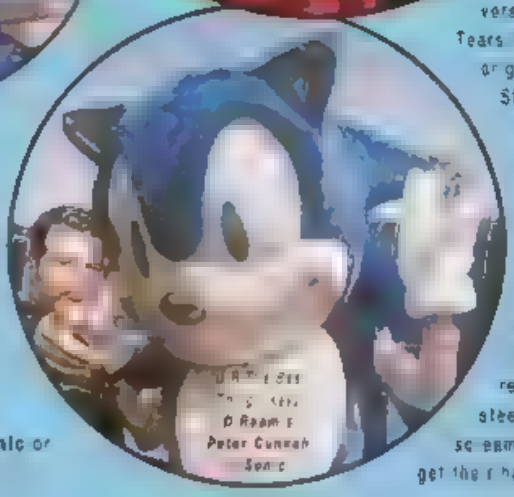
NEVER MIND THAT. YOU'VE HAD A LONG ENOUGH REST. WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO

VIRTUA RACING DRIVES FANS WILD AT SEGA/CAPITAL RADIO ROADSHOWS!

Dan from Worlds Apart & Virtua Racing



David Jensen


D Ream & Peter Cunnah Sonic

Cast your Boomer minds back to May where not one, not two, but three **Sega/Capital Radio Roadshows** were broadcast live from Essex and London. DJs including David Jensen entertained thousands by racing each other playing **Virtua Racing** on stage.

The first Roadshow took place amidst glorious sunshine in North London's Finsbury Park. Acts included Ashead, Bad Boys Inc, D Ream, East 17, Pauline Henry and EYC, who spent the day capturing the action with their video cameras. Also making an appearance on stage were none other than **Sonic**, **Tails** and **Knuckles**, who of course, stole the show.

Unfortunately, crowds at Central Park, Dagenham were subjected to a rather wet and muddy day where performers included Danni Minogue and Kenny Thomas. However, the biggest welcome of the day was reserved for East London boys East 17, and insider reported that band member Tony Cladwell requested a cuddly toy for his daughter... but was it a cuddly **Sonic** or a cuddly **Tails**?! Worlds Apart were so impressed after playing **Virtua Racing** that they helped to launch the game at Ramsey's later in that month.

A venue in West London was the location for the third **Sega/Capital Radio Roadshow**. Roachford strutted his stuff on stage as did songstresses Kym Mazelle & Jocelyn Brown, who sang their version of the song 'No More Tears (Enough Is Enough)' originally recorded by Barbara Streisand and Donna Summer, ask your parents.

The stars, however, over all three shows had to be the funky double decker Sega buses, which had long queuing to sample the delights on board. After a despite the array of pop stars, STC knows that it was really the **Virtua Racing** steering wheel that the screaming hordes were flocking to get their hands on.

Q Zone

Toe Jam & Earl 2

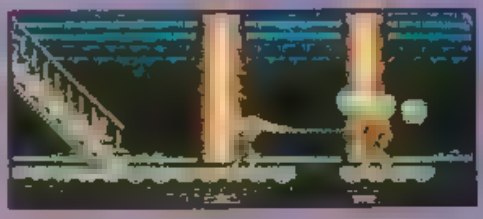
AZTEC ADVENTURE

Aztec Adventure is a simple little shoot-em-up which, although not terribly exciting, can prove a lasting challenge if that's what you're after. It's the kind of game that can prove frustrating unless you have a bit of help - enter STC.

For a nifty level select cheat, *before* the scroll unwinds on the title screen press Up five times. When the character throws the cash, press Right three times. Wait until everybody moves to the right and press Left then Down. You now be able to access the stage select.

CASTLEVANIA

This top platformer from Konami was rated highly in STC recently. It's similar in fash on to *Shinobi*, but features better gameplay. The plot involves one of two characters whose aim is to stop Count Dracula from returning. We've found an excellent cheat which gives you a level select, up to 30 additional lives and switches the collision detection off.



On the title screen, press Up, Up, Down, Down, Left, Right, B and A on the joypad.

BATMAN RETURNS

Batman Returns, the CD version of the *Batman* film proved to be a very decent game with a great car racing stage. If the Joker is proving himself to be anything but, if the Riddler is just too puzzling, or if you'd rather not pop-pick up the Penguin - fear not as STC is here to help. We've found a great cheat enabling you to advance a level and all you need do is press a few keys.

Make your way to the options screen and set it to the driving game. Press and hold down Left and hit B on the joypad. Go to the difficulty level option and press and hold Left and then press B. Repeat these key presses on each of the seven options, from top to bottom. If done correctly you'll hear a small ringing noise. Now when playing the game all you have to do is press C and you'll advance a stage. Bat-tastic.

TOE JAM & EARL 2

Some boomers have found the mega-groovy Toe Jam & Earl 2 game to be quite troublesome. Admittedly, Funkotron is not an easy place to catch those Earthlings, but don't fret - help is listed below to enable you to become truly funky masters!

Also, don't worry if you're having difficulty getting onto the later levels. Also listed below are several level passwords to get you going.

	CODE
3	POAGIZONW20
5	[illegible]
7	POT-0KITAJOF
9	VDDFH-W0EKHC
11	[illegible]
13	[illegible]
14	[illegible]

To make the later levels of the game easier, reset the game and turn Li'l Kids mode on and enter the password to level seven. From here, all the Earthlings can be trapped as in the kiddies mode - requiring only one or two hits instead of the normal eight or nine. Also, enter TJ-AND-EARL! as the password and you should be rewarded with the end credits.

JAMES POND 3

James Pond 3 is the latest outing for this fishy character. It involves him doing more hard platform-type levels, killing more baddies and negotiating even more jumps. Now for the cheat...

To obtain access to every route on the map, pop to the password screen and enter: Red Cheese, Yellow Mouse, Green Cat, Blue Dog and Red Book. Now, click on the door icon and hey presto - it's worked!

SONIC 3

MD

The latest instalment of the spiky one sees him once again confronting the evil Doctor Robotnik in his biggest and best adventure yet. This new game saw Sonic go snowboarding and taking part in a brilliant new 3D special stage incorporating a massive rolling ball. If you're having difficulty getting onto the later levels you'll be happy to know that at last we've found the Sonic 3 level select cheat.

Sonic 3

To activate the level select, wait until the big Sega logo at the start of the game starts to disintegrate and the big blue Sonic zooms out of the screen. Quickly press Up, Up, Down, Down, Up, Up, Up and Up on the joypad. If this has to be done quickly in order to work, you'll hear a noise as soon as it's activated. Once you're back onto the screen with Start and Options displayed, press Down and you'll see Sound Test. Enter this and you've finally reached the cheat screen where you can take Sonic to any level. Yippee.

ECCO THE DOLPHIN 2

The famous blue dolphin returns in the enhanced CD version of the best selling cartridge game. Here's a cheat that reveals a hidden options screen giving access to all sorts of goodies.

To access the screen, pause the game half-way through a turn while Ecco is leaping, then press Right, B, C, B, C, Down, C and up on the joypad. If this is done correctly the hidden options screen will appear. If not, just try again.

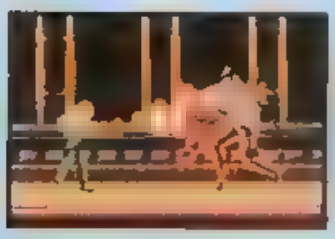
Ecco the Dolphin 2

game genie update

Got a Game Genie or a Mega Drive? If so, you'll find these new codes mega useful. Special thanks to the folk at Hornby Hobbies for once again supplying the Game Genie codes.

ALIEN 3

Stomach problems? Can't keep anything down? Help Ripley cleanse colon sits' colons from their uninvited Alien gut inhabiting guests with these armour-piercing Game Genie codes for



Alien 3

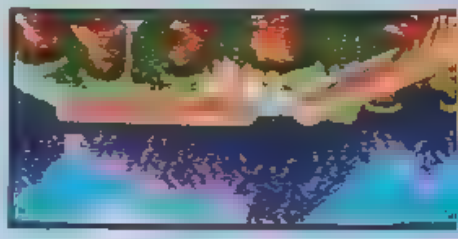
Alien 3!

Infinite time	AACTCA6J
Infinite lives	A2EAAA8R
Infinite machine gun	AJNAEA3R
Infinite flame thrower	AJMAEA7C
Never lose radar	AJFTAA66
Long falls do not reduce energy	AMDACA4J
Falls into turbine fans do not reduce energy	ADEACAGJ
Start on stage 2	AJBTAAEY
Start on stage 3	ANBTAAEY

BUBSY

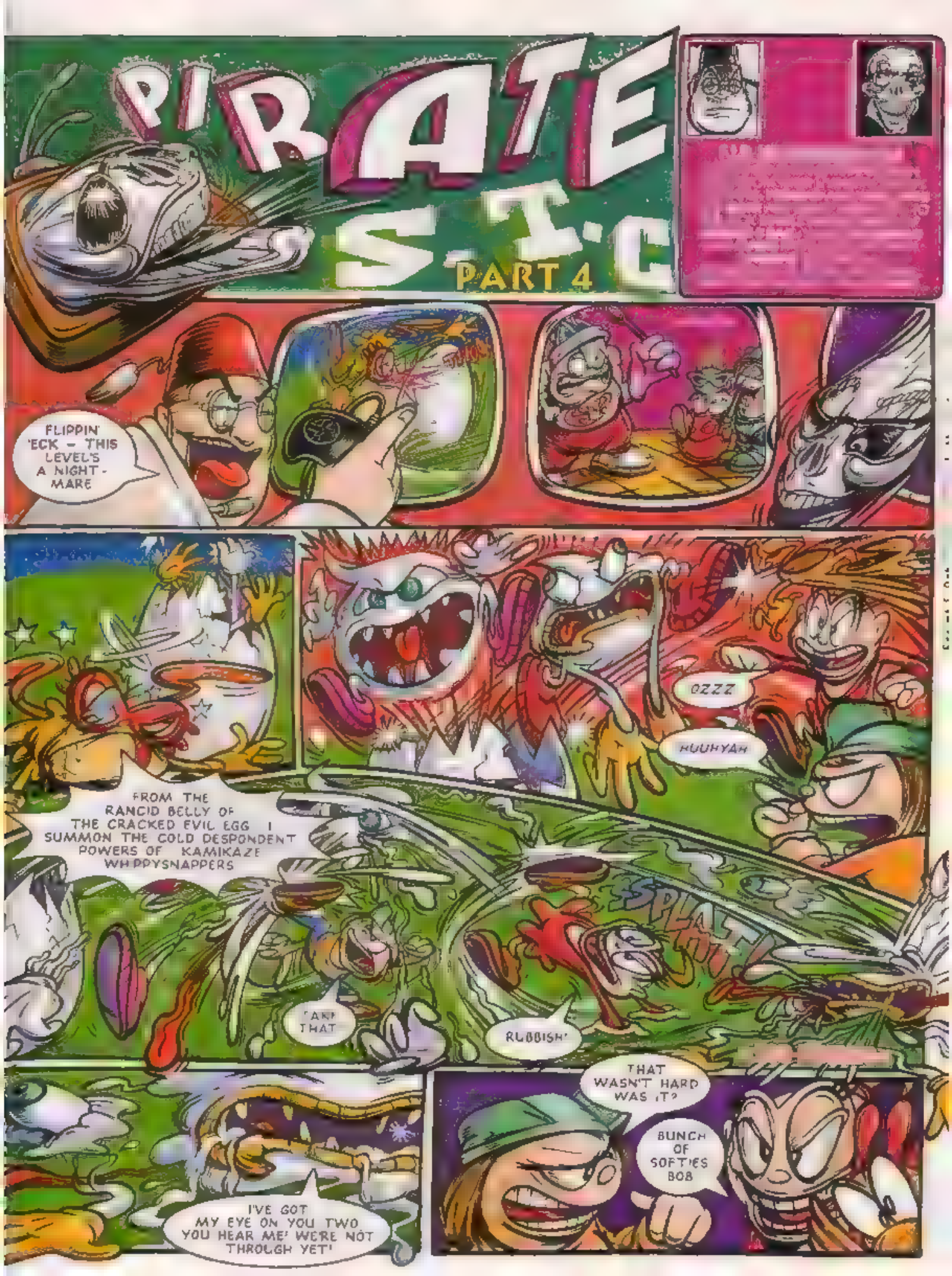
The Woolies are determined to take our wool and it's up to Bubsy and you to put a stop to their thieving ways. With the aid of the Game Genie you can easily pull the wool over the Woolies and defeat their sinister plot.

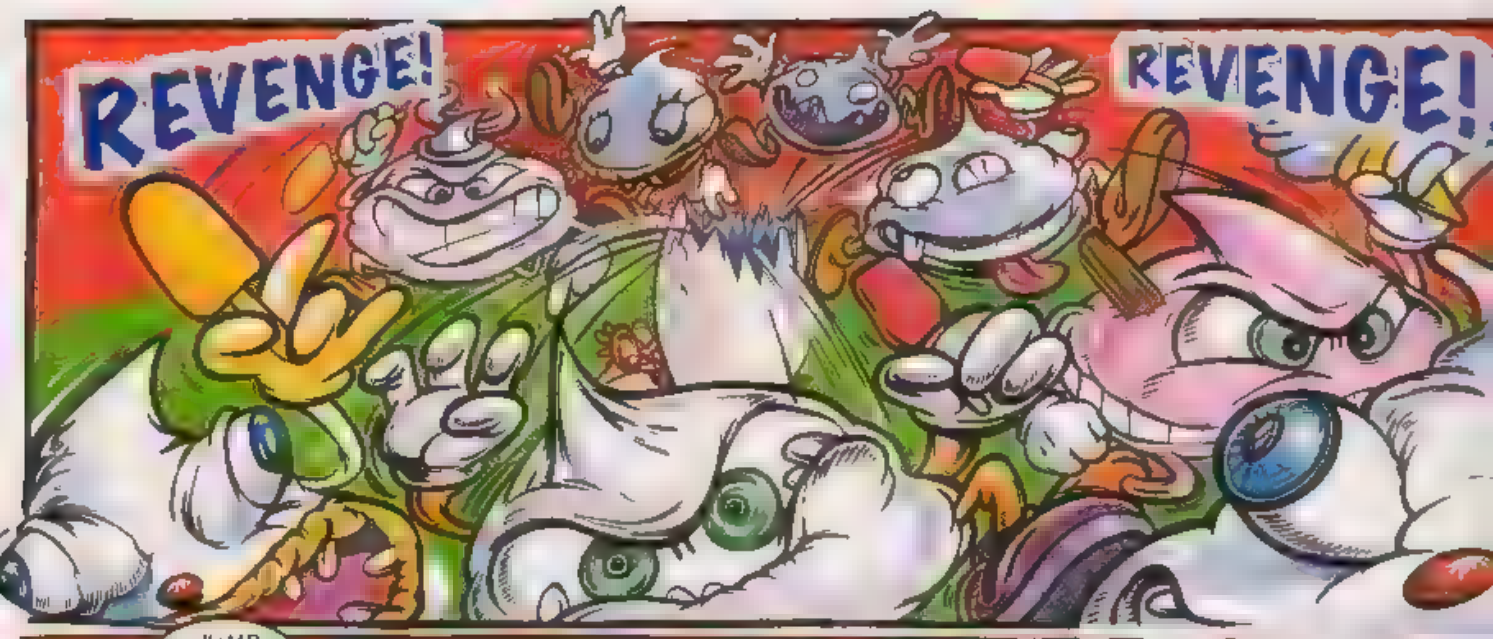
Bubsy

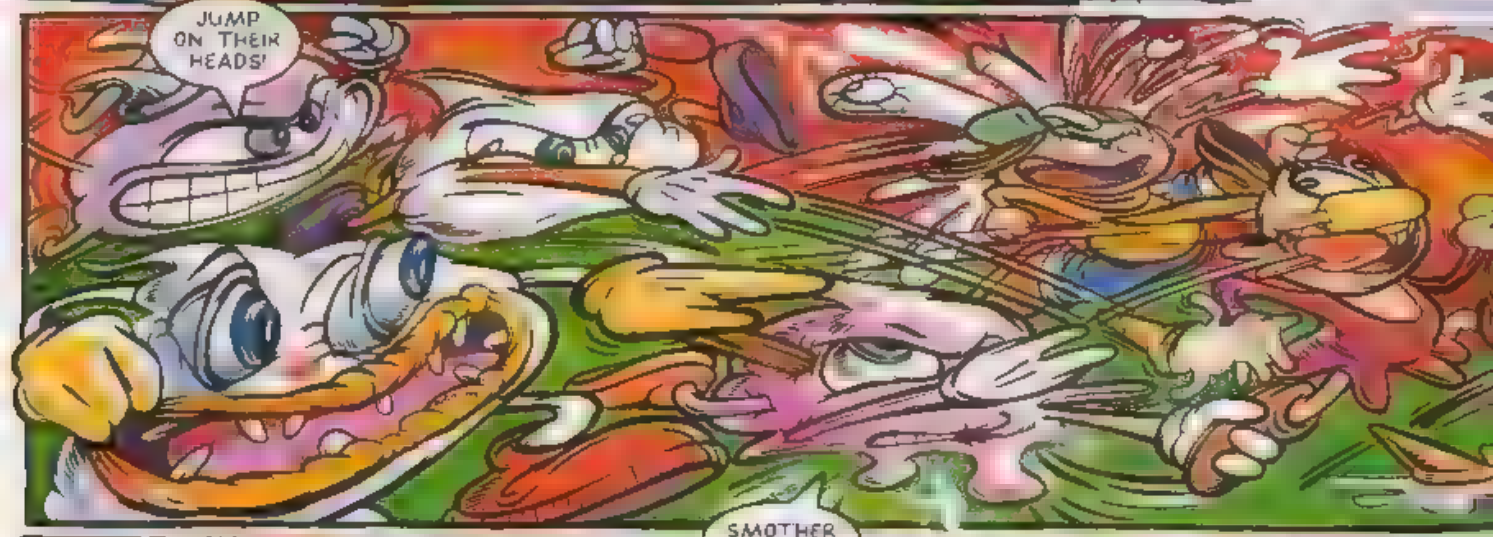


Bubsy

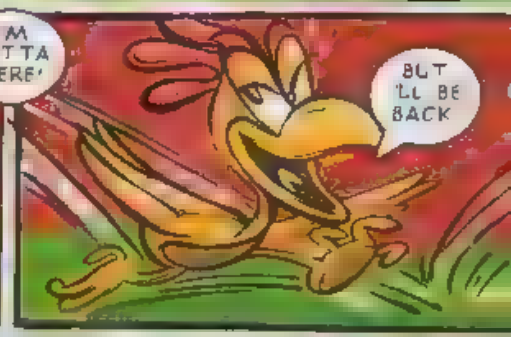
Infinite lives	RERT6V4
Infinite time	ADTA6AAC
Start with 66 lives	KEXTAAA4
Start on chapter 2	AELTAAAC
Start on chapter 3	AJLTAAAC
Start on chapter 4	ANLTAAAC
Start on chapter 5	ATLTAAAC
Start on chapter 6	AYLTAAAC
Start on chapter 7	A2LTAAAC
Start on chapter 8	BALTAAAC

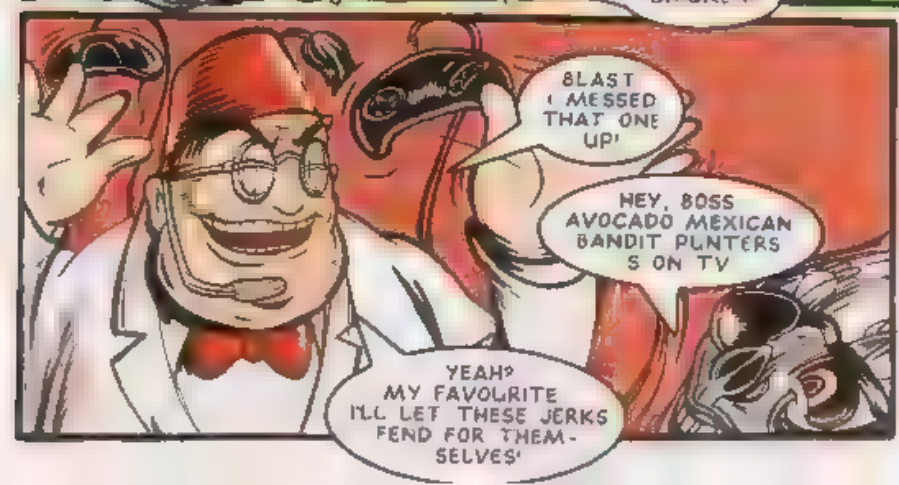

PIRATE S.T.C
PART 4
FLIPPIN' 'ECK – THIS LEVEL'S A NIGHT-MARE
OZZZ
HUUHYAH
FROM THE RANCID BELLY OF THE CRACKED EVIL EGG I SUMMON THE COLD DESPONDENT POWERS OF KAMIKAZE WHIPPYSNAPPERS
SPLAT!
TAKE THAT
RUBBISH!
THAT WASN'T HARD WAS IT?
BUNCH OF SOFTIES BOB
I'VE GOT MY EYE ON YOU TWO YOU HEAR ME! WE'RE NOT THROUGH YET!

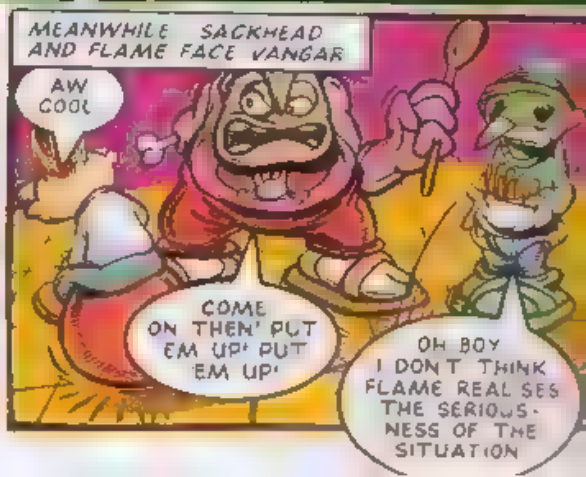

REVENGE!
REVENGE!

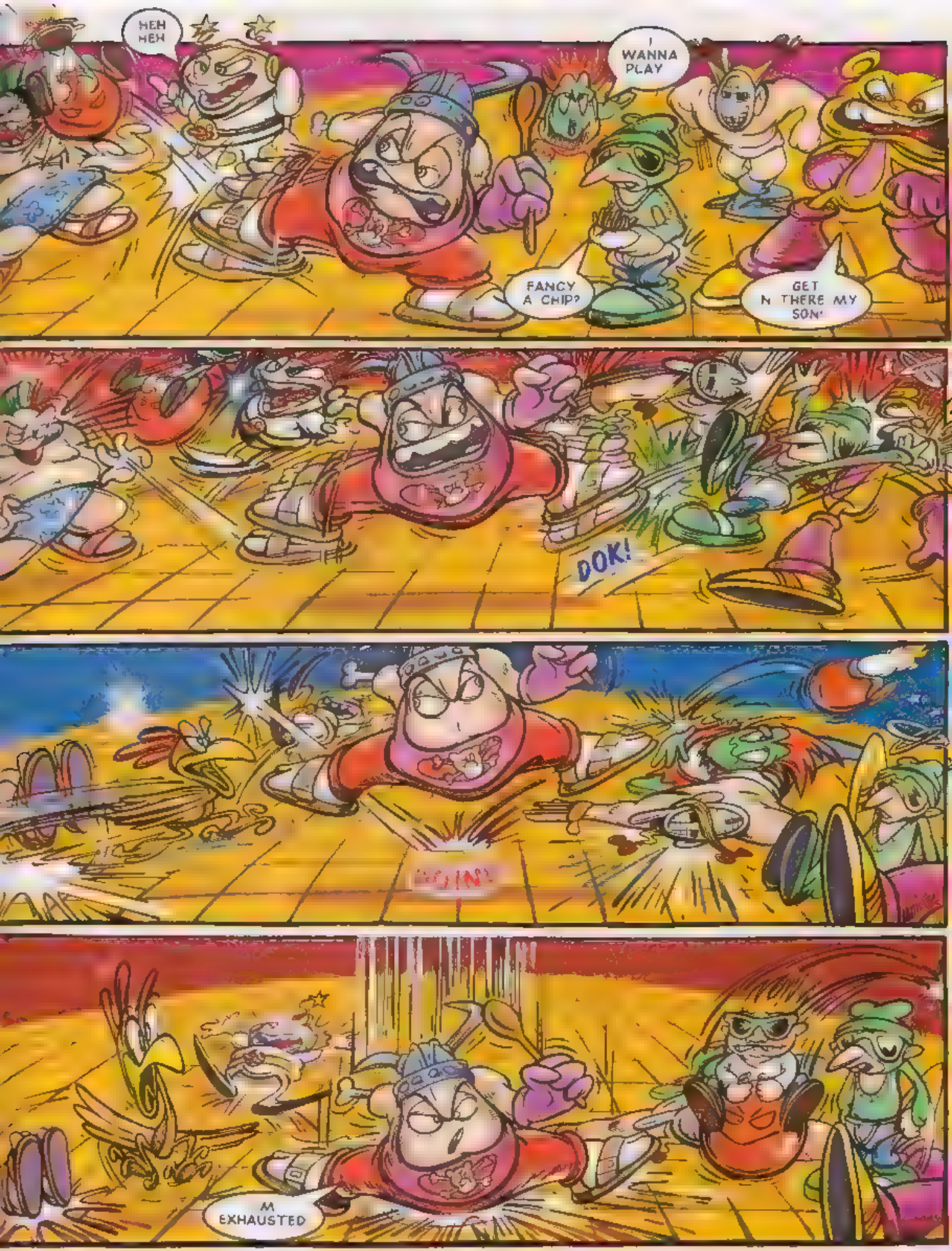

JUMP ON THEIR HEADS!

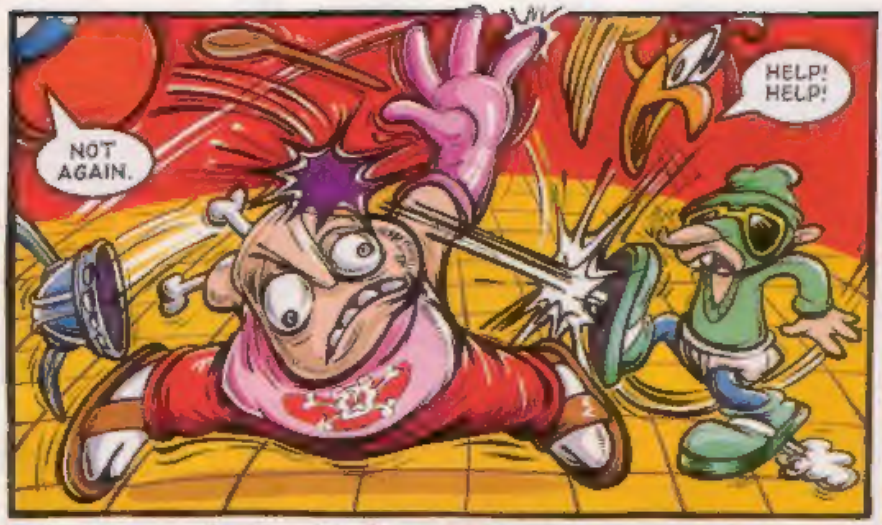
CHICKEN
YEAH, COME BACK YOU CHICKEN!
SMOTHER THEM
CHICKEN!
CHICKEN

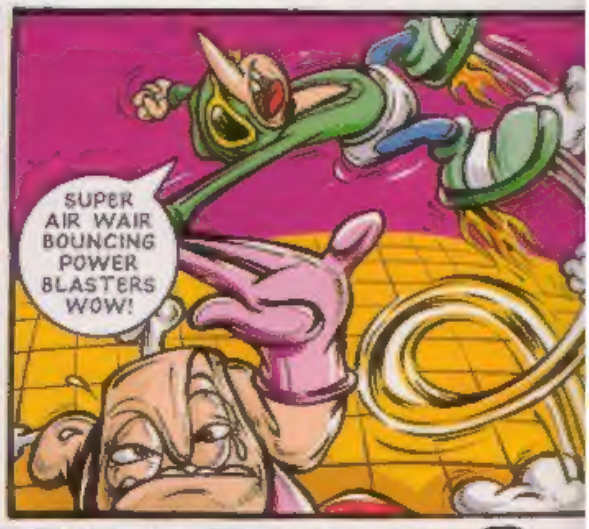

M OUTTA HERE!
BUT 'LL BE BACK

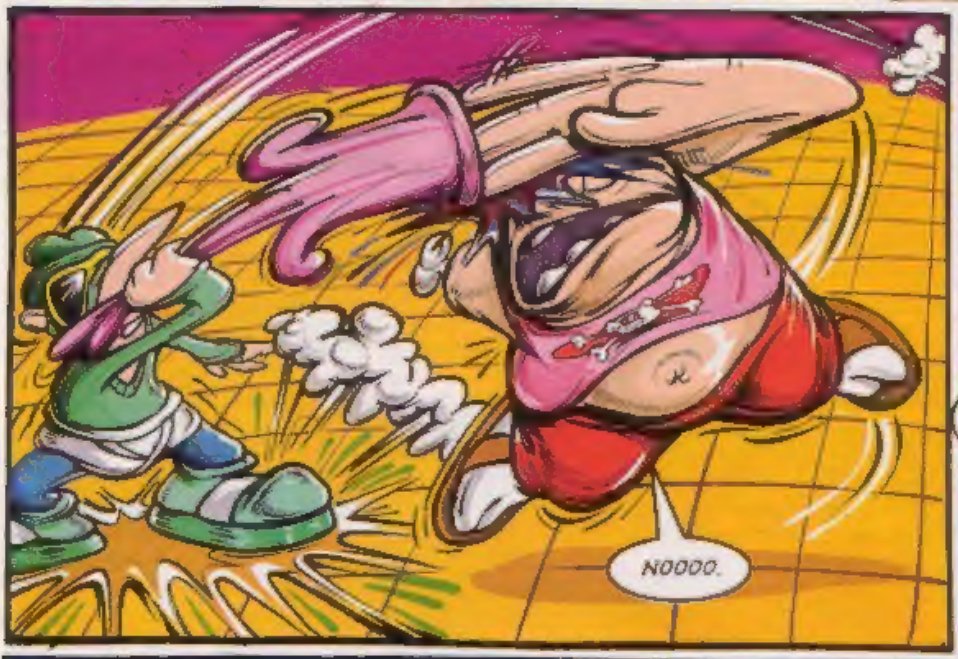

BLAST I MESSED THAT ONE UP!
HEY, BOSS AVOCADO MEXICAN BANDIT PUNTERS S ON TV
YEAH? MY FAVOURITE I'LL LET THESE JERKS FEND FOR THEM-SELVES!

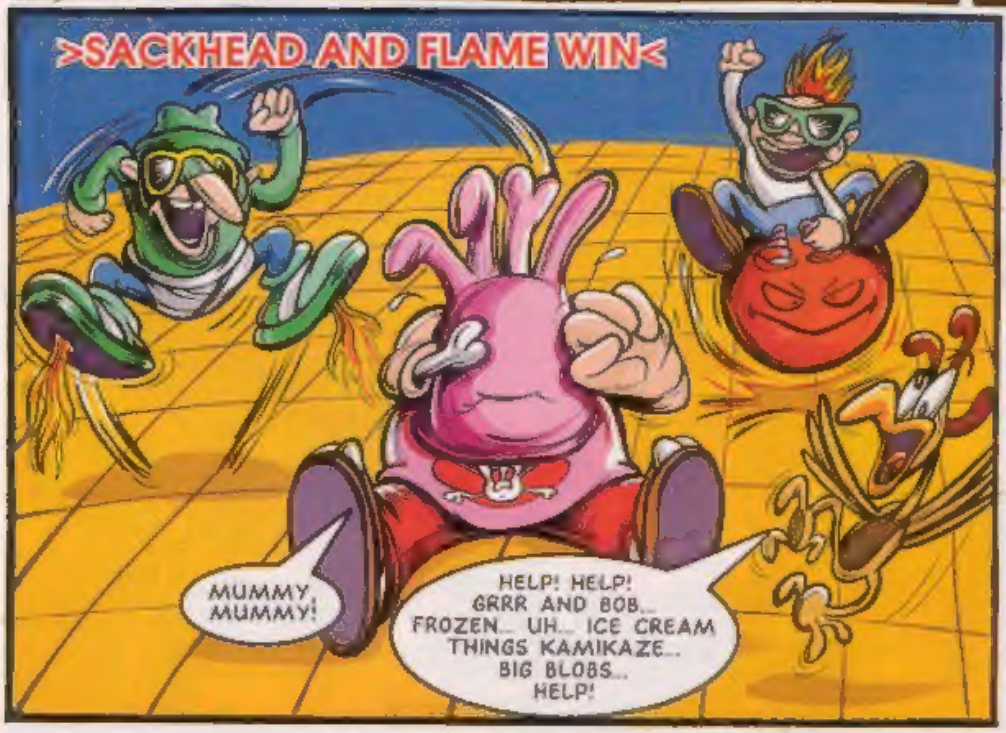

MEANWHILE SACKHEAD AND FLAME FACE VANGAR
AW COOL
COME ON THEN! PUT EM UP! PUT EM UP!
OH BOY I DON'T THINK FLAME REAL SES THE SERIOUS-NESS OF THE SITUATION


HEH HEH
I WANNA PLAY
FANCY A CHIP?
GET IN THERE MY SON!
DOK!
M EXHAUSTED





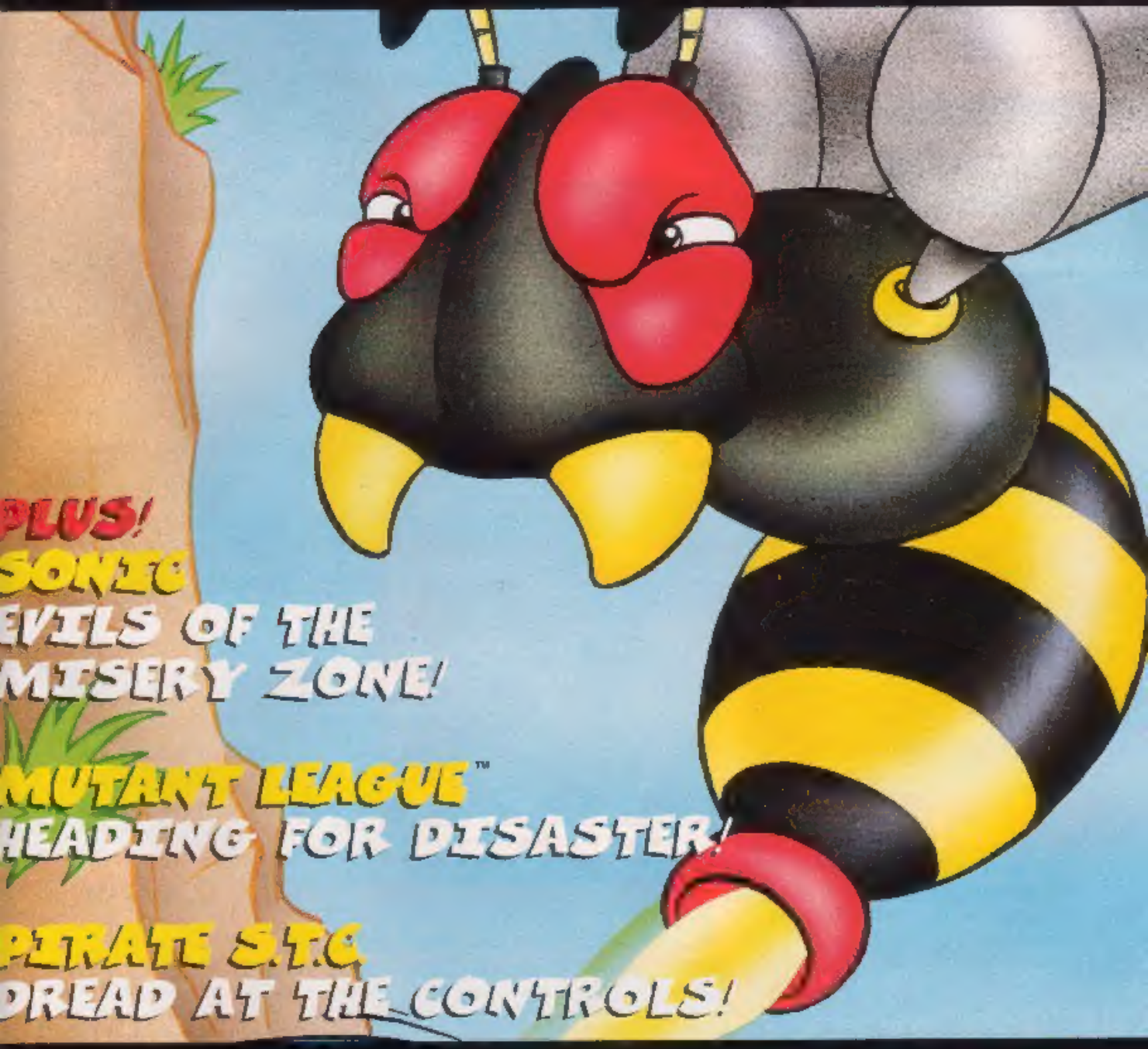




NEXT EPISODE:
LEVEL 5 - THE NIGHTMARE HAS NOT *YET* BEGUN!

JOIN THE BADNIK ARMY!
IT'S A REAL B.A.R.F!

B.A.R.F. STANDS FOR BADNIK ARMY REPAIR FUNCTIONARIES. CAM 'N' BERT ARE MEMBERS OF THIS MOBILE FORCE - FOLLOW THEIR HILARIOUS ADVENTURES IN THE RETURN OF SONIC'S WORLD IN STC 32!



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Knuckles sticker STC from issue James Slater, Lowestoft, Suffolk. MS owner. Sonic Water Fu Game Winner.

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Juras-Sick

Dear STC,

Why on Mobius did you give *Jurassic Park* a low rating? Are you sure you haven't got your TV tuned in wrong? I think the graphics and sound in the game are far more superior than the *Sonic CD*. As for Andrew Shortland's comment back in STC 8 saying, 'Your reviews are very accurate', I hope he's reading this because he's bloomin' wrong! Oh, and while I'm at it, the reason I wrote 'Dear STC', is because that's exactly what it is - FAR TOO DEAR!

Adrian MacKenzie, Ross-Shire, Scotland. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Oh, stop whinging Adrian! Just as you're entitled to your opinion, so are the humas who review the games in STC.

Amy Fire

Dear STC,

The only thing I don't like about the *Sonic* stories is Amy Rose! I can't understand why Sonic lets her get away with annoying him all the time. It seems obvious to me that he doesn't like her. Why doesn't he just get rid of her?

Michael Siddique, London (please send full address details). MD owner. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

So, there's a soft side to this tough, badnik-busting hedgehog. Anything wrong with that Michael?

Dust Busting

Dear STC,

I was wondering if you have any plans to produce special binders or covers in which to put STC copies. These would be especially useful in preventing my mum putting dirty fingerprints on my collection when she's hoovering my room.

Darren Mills, Canterbury, Kent. MD owner. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

There are no plans as yet, Darren, but you could try washing your hands after you've got up off your humo derriere and hoovered your own room! This way your mum won't have dirty fingerprints.

Megadroid impersonating the humas-who-think-they're-in-charge!
Lauren Hughes, Knottingley. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Cracking Knuckles

Dear STC,

Back in STC 19 you mentioned that Knuckles would be making his first appearance. However, we've still not heard sight nor sound of him. Please tell me why.

Duncan Edwards, Hoole, Cheshire. MS owner. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

*Well Dunc, it was an unconscious ploy t keep you all in suspense - and it worked! However, we can reveal that Knuckles (who has sneaked into the **Sonic Summer Special** - o sale now), will be making an impact in ST 32, so take cover! Meanwhile, hope you like Boom Slater's pic of Knuckles on this page.*

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